

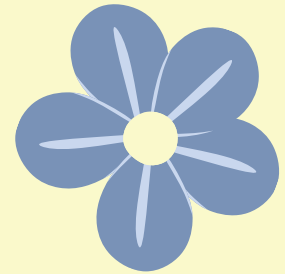
Union Elementary School

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April 17, 2026



Dates to Remember

April 20-24
Spring Break - No school

Thursday, April 30th
Field Trip to Second Story Builders
4th Grade

May 4-8
Staff Appreciation Week

Wednesday, May 6th
Academic Night @ UES
5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Friday, May 8th
Spring Concert @ UES 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 13th
Early Release Day-
Dismissal @ 1:15 p.m.

Friday, May 15th
Field Trip to Botanical Gardens
Grades 3 & 4

Monday, May 18th
Field Trip to the Discovery
Children's Museum- Grades PK & K

Monday, May 25th
Memorial Day- No School

Thursday, May 28th
Puffin Cruise Field Trip
Grades K-2

Wednesday, June 17th
Field Day
Last Student Day

Weekly Principal Message

Dear Students and Families,

We've officially made it to April Break! We wrapped up a fantastic week of learning, from rainy-day explorations in the younger grades to the launch of new book clubs in the upper grades.

To celebrate our students' great behavioral choices, strong character, and kindness, we had an "epic" experience today! Mr. Drew and His Animals Too visited us with his collection of fascinating creatures. The students were absolutely hooked—many even got to pet exotic animals from around the world! Be sure to ask your child which animal was their favorite and which one they thought was a little strange. They also learned a lot about bug life cycles and animal rehabilitation right here in Maine.

Thank you for your continued partnership in getting students to school by 8:45 AM and waiting until 3:10 PM for pickup. We are seeing a drastic improvement in full-day attendance—every minute counts!

We are so proud of our students. They have worked hard and shown incredible academic and social growth this year. We hope you have a fun, restful, and well-deserved break! We look forward to seeing everyone bright and early on Monday morning.

See you in a week!

Warmly,
Dr. Rankin, Principal

Students recognized for positive behaviors!

Our PBIS monthly theme for April is Conflict Resolution. I will choose positive ways to resolve conflicts. Congratulations to the following students for being recognized this week for our targeted positive behavior:

Pre K - Gemma Tracey & Dawson Reilly
Kindergarten - Oliver Thompson & Isaac Lorentzen
1st Grade - Brayson Gamage & Cullen Batista
2nd Grade - Benjamin Paulsen & Steven Manning
3rd Grade - Gloria Grubb & Jack Muether
4th Grade - Cheyenne Batista & Leila Watts
5th Grade - Aaliyah Stanton & Brodie Turcotte
6th Grade - Danielle Harvey & Greensley Corbin-Peters

Super Citizens



Student Feature: Cheyenne Batista 4th Grade



I like UES because: we get to do fun activities like the sledding party and Mr. Drew and His Animals.

My favorite books include: *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* and *Baby Sitter Club* books

My favorite movie I like to watch is: K Pop

My favorite song/singer: Country music

My favorite foods include: Pizza- I like it with bacon!

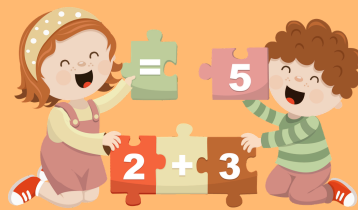
My hobbies include: I like to sketch outside

When I grow up I want to be: A teacher. Last year I dressed as a teacher on Career Day.

A couple of my pet peeves include: My brother & sister!

If I could live anywhere I would live: in Japan

Join us for Academic Night at UES on May 6 from 5:00–6:30 PM!



Students are invited to attend with a parent or adult guest and will visit classrooms together for a fun, hands-on math experience. Students will take the lead by teaching their adult guest(s) how to play engaging math games. Each student will receive a "passport" and can earn stamps by playing games with their adult guest(s). After playing at least 2 games and receiving stamps in their passports, students and their families will receive a pizza party in the cafeteria at 6:00 PM at their final travel destination! Arrive early so you have time to play lots of games. We hope to see you there!

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT 40

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ATTENTION – RESIDENTS OF REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT 40

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Registration

Pre-Kindergarten - A child who will be four on or before October 15, 2026 is eligible to attend Pre-Kindergarten. This is a 5 day per week program. We anticipate having six Pre-K classrooms in our district:

- Friendship Village School 1 classroom (combined w/ K)
- Miller School: 2 classrooms
- Prescott Memorial School: 1 classroom
- Union Elementary School: 1 classroom
- Warren Community School: 1 classroom

Spaces will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis, beginning with students who reside in RSU 40. At the beginning of July, we will notify out-of-district requests if we have space available. The remaining students will be placed on a waitlist, and we will continue to collect applications through September 2, at which time the remaining seats will be filled with priority for children in the following categories:

- Children with Individualized Education Plans (IEPs)
- Multi-language learners
- State agency clients
- Children who are experiencing homelessness
- Children who are eligible for free and reduced school meals
- Residents of RSU 40

To be considered for placement, registration must be complete, including proof of residency, birth certificate, and immunization records.

Pre-K children who reside within RSU 40 will qualify for district-provided transportation to the Pre-K program of the home school within the district. RSU 40 residents who wish to enroll in Pre-K in a district school that is not their “home” school are eligible to register, space permitting, but will be responsible for their own transportation.

Kindergarten – A child who will be five on or before October 15, 2026 is eligible to attend Kindergarten.

Please register your child for Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten online by filling out the form that can be found at RSU40.org, or by calling the school your child will be attending. You do not need to register if your child has attended Pre-K in RSU 40.

FRIENDSHIP VILLAGE SCHOOL – 832-5057

MILLER SCHOOL – 832-2103

PRESCOTT MEMORIAL SCHOOL – 845-2424

UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – 785-4330

WARREN COMMUNITY SCHOOL – 273-2001

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UES SPRING CONCERT

Friday, May 8th
1:30 p.m.

All family and community members are invited to a concert at Union Elementary School beginning at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, May 8th. The concert will feature the UES Band, the UES Chorus, and the vocal talents of all the students in grades PK-6. Hope to see you here!



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Bake Sale at the Spring Concert

The 6th grade class is having a bake sale before and after the Spring Concert here @ UES on Friday, May 8th. The proceeds from the bake sale will be used to purchase silverware for the school so we can get rid of all the plastic that is being used! Thank you to Mrs. Howard and the 6th grade for organizing this!

